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For : Systems and Methods for Electronically Altering the Energy Emitting Characteristics of an Electrode Array to Create Different Lesion Patterns in Body Tissue

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
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Sir:

Please amend the above application, prior to examination, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 9, 11-18, and 20-26 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A system for ablating tissue within a body comprising
a guide element for introduction into a body,
a region of energy emitting material on the guide element, and
control means responsive to a prescribed input command for electronically coupling the
region to a source of tissue ablating energy [that, when emitted by the region, ablates tissue, the
control means including means for receiving a prescribed input command and switching means
responsive to the prescribed input command] and for electronically altering [the energy emitting
characteristics of] energy transmission from the region between [emission] transmission as a zone
of uniform polarity and [emission] transmission as zones of alternating polarity[.] in response to the
prescribed input command.

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2. (Amended) A system according to claim 1

wherein, in response to another prescribed input command, the [switching] control means